

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Yuji Horie, et al.

Attorney Docket No.: NMCIP046

Application No.: 10/776,372

Examiner: L.V. Falasco

Filed: February 10, 2004

Group: 1773

Title: METHOD OF PRODUCING MAGNETIC
HARD DISK SUBSTRATE (as amended)

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION AND
AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response To Requirement For Restriction, and a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified application.



Applicants believe that no Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicants hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NMCIP046).



Please charge any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. NMCIP046).

Respectfully submitted,
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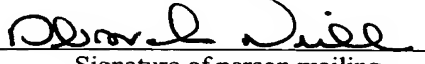
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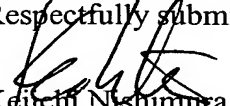
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Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction dated March 21, 2005 in the above-referenced application as between Group I, consisting of claims 1-3 and Group II consisting of claims 4-16, applicant hereby elects Group II consisting of claims 4-16 to be examined first. The election is without traverse and does not affect the inventorship.

It now goes without saying that applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application regarding Group I currently not elected.

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